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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Eastern and Northeast universities funded by the Union Government through the UGC are doing far worse than the varsities run by State Governments according to the National Accreditation and Assessment Council (NAAC);

(b) if so, whether the East and the Northeast have the poorest standards of higher education in the country;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the measures taken/ proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) to (c) As on 31st March, 2007 the National Assessment And Accredited Council has assessed and accredited 16 universities in the Eastern and 8 Universities in the North East Region, out of which there are only six Central Universities. While accrediting the higher education institutions, the NAAC assesses institutions, in terms of its identified seven criterions and does not rank inter-se or compare one institution with another. (d) In order to promote and sustain quality measures in the field of higher education, the UGC, through the NAAC has provided rupees 1.00 lakh each to accredited universities and Rs. 50,000 each to accredited colleges.